

Oral Health Promotion Fact Sheet



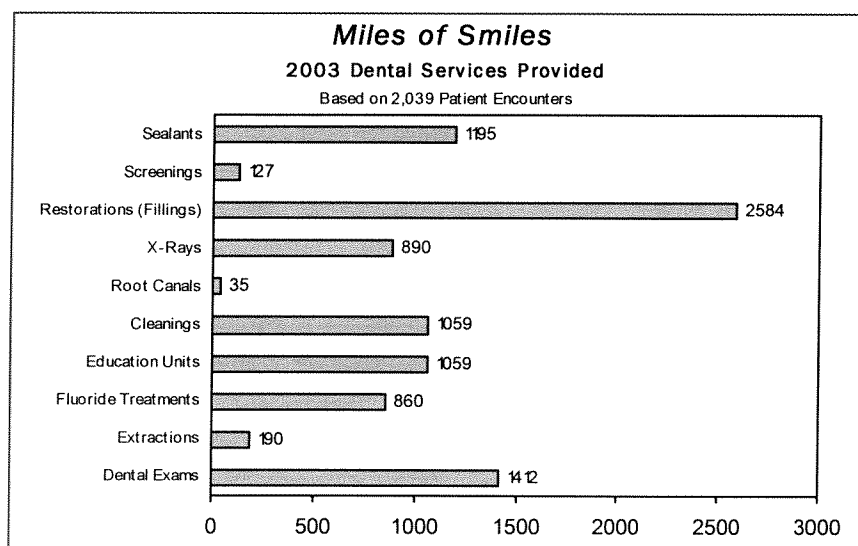
The Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health documented that "those who suffered the worst oral health include poor Americans (especially children and elderly), members of racial and ethnic groups and those with disabilities." The report also noted a connection between oral disease and diabetes, heart and lung disease, stroke and low-birth weight premature babies.

Ottawa County Oral Health Needs Assessment

39,484	individuals living below 200% poverty
22,932	medically uninsured individuals
13,909	Medicaid eligible individuals
9,021	children qualifying for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program
2,282	disabled children
16,692	residents of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity
2,700	Hispanic farm workers
17,777	female headed households

Miles of Smiles Children's Oral Health Initiative

- The *Miles of Smiles* (MOS) mobile dental unit is a custom designed dental office "on wheels."
- MOS provides on-site preventative and restorative dental services for targeted low-income, uninsured individuals.
- Service locations have included schools, Head Start Centers, Ottawa Area Center, migrant summer schools, Community Kitchen, Community Mental Health and more.
- Over 100 dental professionals including dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and students have volunteered on MOS.



Other Oral Health Promotion Services:

Fluoride Program for over 5000 children in 21 schools

Oral health education for over 8,000 school children

Baby Bottle Tooth Decay Prevention Initiative

Dental needs referral network

Community oral health education

Legislative advocacy for oral health issues on a state and local level

2003/2004

Oral Health Promotion Program Goals

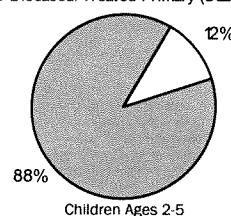
To provide dental disease prevention and treatment programs for over 7,400 Ottawa County children.

To provide oral health education information to over 8,700 Ottawa County teachers, students, parents, adults, teens and children.

Miles of Smiles

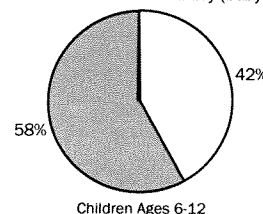
2003 Documented Oral Examination Findings
Based on 1,247 Dental Examinations

1,156 Diseased/Treated Primary (baby) Teeth



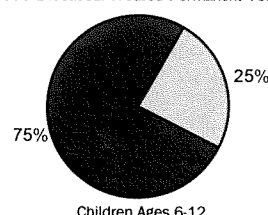
Children Ages 2-5

2,300 Diseased/Treated Primary (baby) Teeth



Children Ages 6-12

899 Diseased/Treated Permanent Teeth



Children Ages 6-12

- Permanent teeth with restoration (fillings)
- Permanent teeth with decay
- Primary teeth with restoration (fillings)
- Primary teeth with decay

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